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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1600**  
**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06478.1455-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Juergen Roemisch et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1644  
Application No.: 09/849,343 ) Examiner: Phuong N. Huynh  
Filed: May 7, 2001 )  
For: STABILIZED PROTEIN )  
PREPARATION AND PROCESS )  
FOR ITS PREPARATION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed September 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages. Applicants previously filed a complete response to the Office Action on August 8, 2003, and a Notice of Appeal on October 8, 2003, in order to maintain the pendency of the application. Thus, Applicants believe that no additional fees or extensions of time are presently due. However, if such fees or extensions of time are necessary to enter the present reply, please grant all extensions of time and charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.

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